

The Megazord Approach: Transforming Re-Entry

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The Megazord



The Cost of Incarceration Vs. Impact

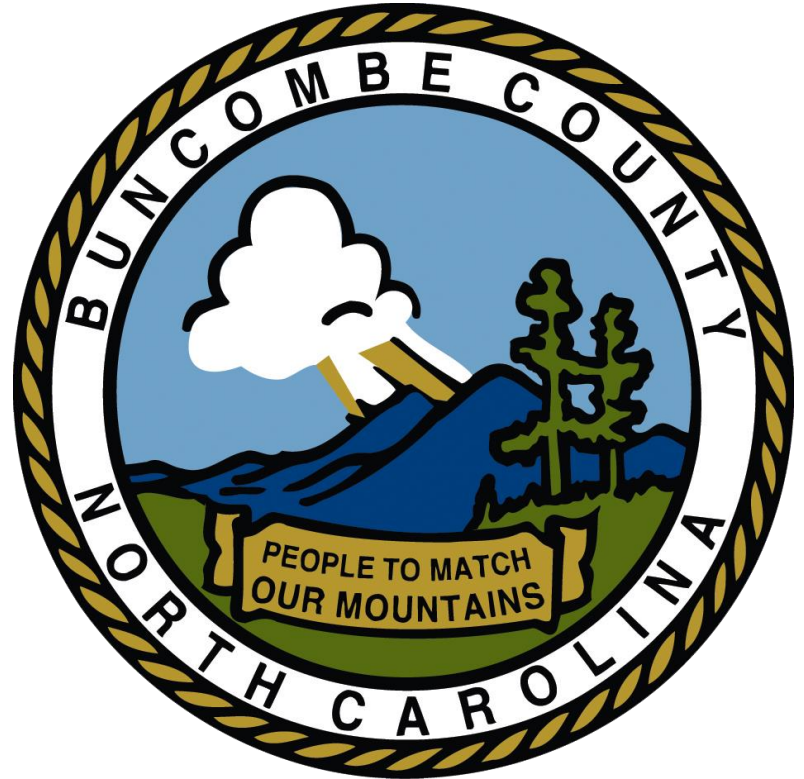
- \$36K a year
- NC currently has 35,697 people in state prisons
- 1.2 Billion Prison Expenditure, annually

- \$6446 a year



What We're Doing

- Collaborations
- United Front
- Educating employers
- Advocacy
- Evidenced-Based Peer Mentoring



What is a Certified Peer Support Specialist?



North Carolina's Certified Peer Support Specialist Program

An initiative of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

- Lived Experience
- Active in Recovery Community
- Accredited Training
- Evidence-based



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Advocacy is a MUST

A word cloud centered around the word 'advocacy'. The word 'advocacy' is the largest and most prominent, rendered in a bold, purple font. Surrounding it are various other words in different colors and sizes, including: 'together' (brown), 'inspiring' (blue), 'access' (purple), 'teamwork' (green), 'mentor' (blue), 'powerful' (purple), 'community' (brown), 'bridge' (blue), 'inspire' (blue), 'collaboration' (blue), 'impact' (purple), 'success' (purple), 'reform' (blue), 'rights' (blue), 'justice' (blue), 'goals' (green), 'chances' (purple), 'positive' (blue), 'endorsement' (purple), 'empowerment' (blue), 'united' (brown), 'resources' (purple), 'equality' (brown), 'motivate' (blue), 'second' (purple), and 'support' (purple). The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping cluster, with 'advocacy' being the central focus.

Megazord Partners



Yvonne's Story

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4789603/yvonne-fountain-speaks-step-act-celebration>



Questions?

THANK YOU!